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Information as of 0730SITUATION REPORT: POLAND

We have no reports yet on how the workweek began in Poland's factories this morning. There has been no significant change in the military situation in and around Poland. [ ]

The Embassy has confirmed that at least some of those detained by the government are being allowed visits by close relatives. The wife of Bronislaw Geremek--a close adviser to Walesa--told an Embassy officer that she had visited Geremek recently and that he is all right. The International Red Cross will to send an aircraft to Poland today with 4 tons of medical supplies and a 6-man team to press the government for access to detainees. [ ]

Polish media commentaries today continue to criticize US economic sanctions, once again calling them a blow to the Polish standard of living. Regime efforts to use the economic sanctions to erode strong pro-US sentiment among the populace are likely to fail, however, because most Poles will realize that the US is expressing disapproval of martial law. Meanwhile, Warsaw radio, continuing the campaign of vilification against former Ambassadors Spasowski and Rurarz, announced that their property has been confiscated and that their homes would be turned into nursery schools. [ ]

The Soviet media continue to stress that the situation in Poland is becoming more normal and to portray events in Poland as the product of Western interference. TASS has played up alleged frictions among Western allies on policy toward Poland. A lengthy commentary in Pravda on Sunday, said that "imperialist circles" had hoped the events would evolve in such a way as to provoke Soviet intervention. [ ]

The British press reported yesterday that the political directors of the EC will meet in London on Wednesday to discuss the Polish issue. The session apparently is a substitute for a meeting of foreign ministers, which Lord Carrington apparently had suggested five days ago. [ ]

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